

The Parishioner

Sunday 10-May-2026



Sixth Sunday of Easter
*We celebrate the coming of Christ's spirit of truth
on the Church, the source of the Church's
proclamation of the Christian message in the world.*



The Family of Parishes of: Ballincollig | Ballinora | Kilmurry | Ovens and Farran

Christian Life and Witness

We are all called to a life of witness, and our proclamation of Christ is primarily through the witness of our lives. Philip proclaimed Christ in Samaria, and the message was welcomed but this is not always the case, we may have to witness in a hostile environment. There are around us those who reject the message of the gospel, sometimes because it is unwelcome, sometimes because those who present it have discredited the message. Yet those who reject the words of Jesus reject him, and reject the Father who sent him. We in our turn may be called to suffer for the truth, to be subject to a certain amount of mockery or ridicule. And as well as witnessing by our day-to-day behaviour, we may be called to proclaim our faith in words. St Peter tells us to proclaim in our hearts that the Lord is holy, and be ready to answer with respect and courtesy those who ask the reason for our faith. The Christian life is a commitment to live as Jesus wants us to; if we love him, we will keep his commandment to love each other.

There is a cost in being a disciple of Christ and we need the presence of the Lord in our hearts to withstand the pressure, to give us an interior serenity in difficult outward circumstances. Jesus assures us that we will not be alone, "I will not leave you orphans." He promises the Holy Spirit, who will dwell in us. That Holy Spirit gave us Jesus through the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Incarnation, and through the work of his redemption Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to us, poured out at Pentecost and given through the ministry of his followers by baptism and the laying on of hands. The Holy Spirit again gives us Jesus in the Eucharist when at Mass we pray that "by the power of the Holy Spirit the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Jesus." As we are nourished by the Eucharist the presence of God within us is ever renewed. Jesus returned to the Father, and is now present for each of us through his Spirit, in our hearts. He promises us that we can be as close to him as he is to the Father, he invites us to share in his life and to live in the presence of God.

Sunday Mass

To take Jesus seriously is to take seriously what he said at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of me." What had he done? A simple, four-part ritual: he took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his companions, saying "This is my body, given for you." Ever since, the Church has been "doing this," as he said. But that simple act of Jesus is so packed with meaning and mystery that we have spread it out and embellished it in the Mass to give us time to absorb — or rather be absorbed by — its richness.

Within the ceremony of the Mass the original simple ritual is still there. We take bread (Offertory), we give thanks (Eucharistic Prayer), we break the bread and share it (Communion.) Before doing all that, we hear the Word of God in the readings from scripture, to alert us to the love of God that is about to be poured out on us and the whole world. It is important to learn as much about the Mass as we can. But the truest understanding only comes when we join in celebrating it and allow ourselves to be drawn into the mystery of the Lord who gives himself to us in love all over again: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you."
"Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief"

Eucharistic Procession 2026

"This year we will mark that centenary when we gather once again for the Eucharistic Procession through the city on Sunday 7th June, the Feast of Corpus Christi — renewing that public witness of faith and unity in Cork."

Ahead of the Corpus Christi Procession this year, the diocese will host a visit of the relics of St. Carlo Acutis – the young Italian who was declared the first millennial saint by Pope Leo last September.

Carlo often said that the Eucharist was "the highway to heaven".

"Patrick in the fifth century and Saint Carlo Acutis in our own time both remind us of the same truth: that an encounter with Christ in the Eucharist has the power to transform lives."

+ *Fintan Gavin*

✠ Fintan Gavin
Bishop of Cork and Ross

Mission and Ministry Special Collection May 9th and 10th, 2026

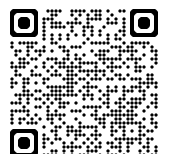
The Mission and Ministry Special Collection will take place this weekend the 9th & 10th of May. This office plays a vital role in supporting our priests, parishes and Families of Parishes as we work together to help people grow in faith and live as missionary disciples. It provides formation and support for Parish Pastoral Councils, Baptism and Funeral Ministry Teams, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, Choirs and other ministries, as well as offering resources for prayer, evangelisation and adult sacramental preparation. Thanks to your generosity, this work continues to grow and reach more people across our diocese. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of this important work.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

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† IN SYMPATHY †
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :
Rose Doyle, Glendower Court.
Damien Hurley, Douglas.

MONTHS MIND - THIS WEEKEND WE REMEMBER:
Catherine Ross, Wyndham Downs.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:

- John Finucane, Parknamore.
- Mary (Marie) Coleman, Poulavone.
- William Murphy, Blarney.
- Donal & Kieran Manning, Sunningdale.
- Gillian Drinan, Churchview.
- Jerry O'Mahony, Ballincollig / Ventry.
- Dooley & Mary O'Mahony, The Crescent.
- Sheila Hickey, Westgrove.
- Canon David Horgan P.P.
- Mike Cullinane, Coolroe Heights/Cloghane, Co Kerry.
- Niamh Nolan, Coolroe Meadows.
- Pat Burke, West Village.
- Marie Coleman and Elizabeth Crowley Poulavone.
- Noreen McCarthy, Castle Park.
- Michael & Peg Murphy, Windsor, Ovens.
- Peggy & Dan Lordan, Inniscarra View.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Week Of Easter

- 10 Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17. Ps. 65. 1 Pet. 3:15-18. Jn. 14:15-21. Lect I :534.
- 11 Monday Acts 16:11-15. Ps. 149. Jn. 15:26-16:4. Lect I: 542
- 12 Tuesday Acts 16:22-34. Ps. 137. Jn. 16:5-11. Lect I: 544
- 13 Wednesday Acts 17:15,22-18:1. Ps. 148. Jn. 16:12-15. Lect I: 546
- 14 Thursday Acts 1: 15-17. Ps. 112. Jn. 15:9-17. Lect II: 1023
- 15 Friday Acts 18:9-18. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:20-23. Lect I: 562
- 16 Saturday Acts 18:23-28. Ps. 46. Jn. 16:23-28. Lect I: 564

Next Sunday's Readings 17-May-2026
Acts 1: 1-11. Ps. 46. Eph. 1: 17-23. Lk. 24:46-53. Lect I:549

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John		Christ Our Light
8:30 am, 10 am	Sunday	11 am, 12:30 pm
9:30 am	Monday	No Morning Mass
9:30 am	Tuesday	No Morning Mass
9:30 am	Wednesday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Thursday	8:30 am
9:30 am	Friday	8:30 am
6:00 pm (Vigil)	Saturday	7:30 pm (Vigil)

Why Sunday Matters

'Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.'

'The Mass is not just a ritual; it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples. Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us.'

Scrubs C.U.H. Choir

10th anniversary on May 16th at 7.00pm in St. Augustine's Church in aid of Brú Columbanus. Tickets €15.00 available at www.brucolumbanus.com/events

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Coeliac Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available and suitable for Coeliac's. Please inform the priest prior to Mass if possible if you require it.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3p.m. until 4p.m. in St. Mary & St. John's Church every Friday.

Meditation

Meditation continues in the Ballincollig Community Hall on Tuesday morning after 9.30am Mass. New members welcome.

Weekday Morning Masses

We have introduced laminated copies of hymns. Please if you are a singer we would love if you could just pick up one and join in the singing. I know we are blessed presently that Tadg and Siobhan lead us. It's not always possible for them to be present and we are heading into holiday time. Please help us with your participation and return the sheets at the end of Mass. In St. Mary's and St. John's Church we are looking for Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist who are present to help us out.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys in Scoil Eoin and the boys and girls in Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin who received the sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend. Please pray for the girls in Scoil Mhuire who will receive their Holy Communion on Saturday, 16th May. Sincere thanks to the parents and dedicated teachers who work diligently preparing young people for the sacrament.

Cork & Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes | September 18th to 23rd

The Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from the 18th to the 23rd this year under the patronage of Bishop Fintan Gavin. Flights are from Cork Airport direct to Lourdes Airport. You can travel as a pilgrim with a full daily pilgrimage program, or if you require assistance to travel then you can come as one of our Assisted Pilgrims and stay in special assisted accommodation. To make this pilgrimage possible for our assisted pilgrims we need in the region of 130 volunteers to come, so maybe you might be someone who can come as a helper, and have a very rewarding and fulfilling experience? Choice of hotels are available from €939. Call Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410800 to book a place. For any general enquiries email or call Mary on lourdes@corkandross.org or 085 2525 040.

Ovens & Farran Parish

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 Ring for bookings : Baptisms & Marriages etc.
 Farran contact is Ann Brennan after Sunday Mass.

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Sunday Masses

Ovens: 11.30 am
 Farran: 9.30am

Weekday Masses

Ovens: 9.30 am Wednesday and Friday
 Farran: 9.30 am Tuesday and Thursdays

Vigil Masses for May 2026

Ovens 16 th May	Farran 23 rd May	Ovens 30 th May
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Vigil Mass is held in Ovens every 1st 3rd and 5th Saturday and every 2nd and 4th Saturday in Farran

Recently Deceased

Mathew O' Driscoll, Ovens.

Weekend Anniversaries 9th / 10th May

Ovens: 11.30am: Mark O Sullivan , Beverly, Ovens.

Recent Baptisms

Ethan Fitzgerald, Ovens

Rosary for the Month of May at The Grottos

Farran: 7.30pm each Wednesday
 Ovens: 7.30pm each Friday

Inauguration of Statue of St Carlo Acutis

During the Masses on 23rd/24th May in Farran/Ovens parish, we will be installing the statue of St. Carlo Acutis.

To mark this occasion, Mr Stephen Murray, Principal of Mount Saint Michael's secondary school, Rosscarbery, will be speaking at all Masses that weekend. His reflection marking the installation of the new statue of St. Carlo Acutis will focus on young people and the importance of balance in their lives, between physical activity, education, technology and spiritual wellbeing. Drawing on experience in education and community sport, he will highlight how sport builds confidence, resilience and focus, and the vital role parents and grandparents play in guiding and supporting young people in today's challenges.

An invitation is open to everybody to attend Masses that weekend.

Cork College of FET Tramore Road Campus Annual Plant Sale.

Organised by staff and students of the Horticulture course on Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th May from 9-4pm Campus Greenhouse. This plant sale is open to the public and includes annuals, perennials, herbs & vegetables.

Ovens/Farran Active Circle:

Meeting This Monday at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre

Walshestown Mass

The Annual Washestown Grotto and Holy well Mass will be held on Tuesday 26th of May at 7.30pm.

Parish Assembly Meeting:

The May meeting of the Ovens/Farran Parish Assembly is on Monday the 18th Of May at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

Ballinora Parish

Mass Times

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
10am	No Mass	10am	10am	10am	7.30pm	10am

Mass Times are Subject to Change

Mass Intentions

- Sun. 10th May: Mary Dunedin
- Mon. 11th May: Pat Murphy
- Fri. 15th May: Douglas Ferguson
- Sat. 16th May: Maura Buckley
- Sun. 17th May: Tim Murphy
- Mon. 17th May: Claire O'Riordan
- Thu. 21st May: Peter O'Malley
- Sat 23rd May: Jim Thornton
- Sun 24th May: Jim Shields

Recent Christenings

We welcome into the Christian Community
 Cathal O'Mara son of Brian O'Mara and Sarah Donovan
 Fiadh O'Halloran daughter of Oran O'Halloran and Ciara Mulvihill
 Elsie Donovan daughter of Shane Donovan and Claire Crowley
 Aine Cahill daughter of Daniel Cahill and Julie Anne Long

Altar Flowers

The flowers on our church altar are beautifully arranged, with care, by a rota of people throughout the year. The parish council would like to thank everyone involved who give so generously of their time and talents.

There are now a number of vacancies on this rota. If you would like to get involved please contact us through the parish council email at ballinoracouncil@gmail.com

Hour of Adoration

Every Tuesday there will be a Service of Word and Eucharist at 7pm followed by an Hour of Adoration in the Church

Newsletter Contact Details

The Newsletter will be issued every second weekend. Please submit any pieces to the below address and we will publish this. It could be a local event, a charity fundraiser you are holding or just some news on your club/group you would like to share. Ballinora.news@gmail.com

Rosary at the Grotto in Curraheen Schedule

In honour of "Our Lady of Fatima"
 Month of May Nightly at 8 pm
 June to October 13th,
 every Monday night at 8 pm
 On 13th of each month to commemorate
 The "Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima"

Pet Mass

At St. James Church, Ballinora on Sunday
 May 24th at 10:00am

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Wed. May 13th

Rosary will be recited in Ballinora at 9.30am
 before the 10.00am Mass



Cork Scripture Group

Cork Scripture Group is delighted to be involved in the organising of Cork Ecumenical Bible Week with our friends from the Church of Ireland and the Cork Methodist community. This year we hope to run three events on Sunday evening, May 17th at 7.00 pm, Tuesday morning, May 19th at 10.45 am and Thursday evening, May 21st at 7.00 pm.

Cork Regional Pioneer Council

The next meeting of Cork Regional Pioneer Council will take place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 13th May, in the SMA parish centre, Wilton.

Kilmurry Parish

Fr. Kieron O'Driscoll Co-PP
Mobile 085-8356888

St. Mary's Church Kilmurry - Parish Church

Mass Times Sunday: 10:00am
Weekday Mass: Monday 10am, and
Monsignor O'Callaghan celebrates Mass on Friday at 10am
Confession by appointment
Sacristy: Anne O'Callaghan
Please note Mass Times may vary.

St. Joseph's Church Cloughduv

Mass Times Sunday: 11:30am
Weekday Mass Wednesday 10am
Confession by appointment
Sacristy: Tessie Buckley
Please note Mass Times may vary.

St. John the Baptist Church Canovee

Mass Times Saturday 6:30pm Vigil
Weekday Mass Tuesday 10am
Please note Mass Times may vary.
Confession by appointment
Sacristy: Nuala Crowley

Notice to Parishioners

To have items included in the next Kilmurry Parish newsletter, please send details to Peter at kilmurry.news1@gmail.com Before lunchtime on Wednesday.

St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv Book Launch

The book launch for St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv 1871-2026 will take place on Friday, 15th May 2026 in the Cloughduv GAA Pavilion at 8.00 p.m. This commemorative publication provides a comprehensive history of the construction of St. Joseph's Church, Cloughduv, as well as St. Mary's Church, Kilmurry, and St. John the Baptist Church, Canovee. It also offers an excellent social history of Kilmurry parish and its people spanning the past 155 years. All are welcome. Then on Sunday the 17th, Bishop Fintan Gavin will celebrate the 11:30am mass in Cloughduv Church to commemorate the occasion.

Gaelic Football Summer Camp

A new Gaelic football summer camp for children aged 5-13 will take place from July 6th - 9th, running daily from 9.30am to 2.00pm at Canovee National School (P12 W628). Children from any club are welcome as well as those looking to try Gaelic football for the first time. The camp will include coaching, games, a championship tournament, penalty shootouts and more.

Cost €100 (1st child) €90 (2nd child). Spaces are limited.

To book: Text Connor on 087-6963274

May Rosary

Rosary at Crookstown Grotto every Tuesday night at 8pm during the month of May

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17
With great success, Philip went to Samaria to proclaim the Christ and work miracles. When the apostles heard about Phillip's work, they sent Peter and John to pray that the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Jesus "suffered for sins once." He was put to death as far as fleshly existence goes but received life according to the spirit.

Gospel: John 14:15-21
At the Last Supper Jesus told his apostles he would be leaving them to return to the Father. In today's Gospel, he reassures them and us that we will not be alone. The Holy Spirit was sent to the disciples and is with each of us as a special helper and friend until Jesus returns to us. In the meantime, we continue to show our love for Jesus by following his commandments.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) in Cork is actively seeking volunteers to meet growing demand, requiring 2-3 hours per week, primarily for home visitation. Opportunities include supporting families, operating Vincent's charity shops, and administrative roles. Apply by requesting an application form at SVP Volunteer Application.

Key Volunteer Roles in Cork:

- ◆ Home Visitation: Offering friendship and support to individuals and families in their homes.
- ◆ Vincent's Shops: Assisting in retail locations to support local communities.
- ◆ Child & Family Services: Supporting youth clubs and daycare centres.

Requirements & Benefits:

- ◆ Skills: No special skills are needed, just empathy, patience, and a willingness to listen.
- ◆ Time Commitment: Volunteers generally offer 2-3 hours a week.
- ◆ Support: Training and guidance are provided to all volunteers.
- ◆ Rewards: A chance to make a tangible difference in the community and build lasting friendships.

How to Apply:

Interested individuals can apply online by visiting the SVP Volunteer Form to request a form and begin the application process.

A Prayer for Peace in our Troubled World

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
For it is in giving that we receive
in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Student's Prayer Card

As I begin to study for the exams I face
I ask you Lord for the courage and grace
to meet this challenge and do my best
to stay calm and focused during the test.
This prayer I make to you today,
help me Lord and with me stay